VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - I am the child of a veteran attending school under the Dependents' Educational Assistance Act. As of the end of the current semester, I have one month of my 45 months of educational entitlement remaining. If I enroll for the next semester will my entitlement be extended to allow me to finish the semester?

A - A veteran's child eligible to receive educational assistance will not be granted educational entitlement in excess of 45 months.

Q - My husband died on April 30, 1978. Am I entitled to any part of his disability compensation check for the month of April?

A - No. The check must be returned to the nearest VA office. If you establish eligibility for death benefits it will be effective the first of the month in which the veteran died, and your rate for that month will be at least as much as the veteran's would have been.

Q - Can a veteran use his GI home loan guarantee to buy rental property?

A - A veteran can purchase up to a four-family dwelling. He must, however, certify that he intends to live in one of the units.

TORRENCE REUNION

The annual Torrence reunion will be held in the Woodman Building in Appomattox, Sunday, August 20th.

A short business meeting will be called at 12:45 for the purpose of electing officers.

Dinner at 1:00 P.M.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

An estimate of population changes since the 1970 Census shows that Appomattox County is growing. In 1970 the Census showed Appomattox County with a headcount of 9,724. A recent study by an agency at the University of Virginia estimated the 1977 population at 11,500, a gain of 1,716. That accounts for the many new faces one sees in traveling around and at our business places. No doubt it explains why there are many new boxes at the local post office, new readers of The Times-Virginian and more traffic a Alas, Martha Street has not shared in this population growth but it is nice to live in "a growing town and county."

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Adjoining Campbell County is one of the state's fastest growing counties, while the city of Lynchburg lost a few. Northern Virginia and Tidewater are gaining, too.

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No one, to my knowledge, has made a population count of gnats, and of late I have observed more grasshoppers than usual. I tried to discourage a grasshopper that came in the front door on the leg of my trousers. Got a flyswatter and for a while the outcome was uncertain. Just as I started a swing with the swatter, the grasshopper started a mighty leap. Went on that way up and down the sidewalk until my grim determination wore him down. There was a private funeral.

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Ah yes, the mail has brought in the first of what will be a series of flower and nursery fall catalogs. I am partial to flower bulbs since the work is minimal and the reward extends over more than one season.

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Upon returning home one evening recently found a bag of nice cucumers at the front door. No name attached, so thanks to an unknown friend. Later on another friend gave us some corn and tomatoes.

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Was reading in the National Geographic's "The World in Your Garden" that lettuce was served on the tables of Persian kings as early as the sixth century B.C. Herodotus wrote of its popularity with the ancient Greeks and Romans. Many of our foods are rich in history as well as vitamins.

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In a garden magazine, I was reading of an elderly lady whose house caught on fire. As the firemen dashed into the house with the hose to quench the fire, the lady cautioned them not to get any water on the potted house plants, as "I watered them this morning."

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Have seen several grape arbors around town, and I wonder how they keep the birds away. Lately, I have not had many birds at my windowside feeder. I feel encouraged about my prospect for gigs. Cleaned out lots of honeysuckle and that paid off, or so it appears.

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A few cooler days and nights and we are ready for fall. And for opening of schools. Good to have something to talk about besides hot weather.

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I read it . . . "what the world needs now is the peace that passes all misunderstandings."

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The Horoscope said that four was my lucky number for the day. And sure enough, the lawnmower started on the fourth pull of the cord.

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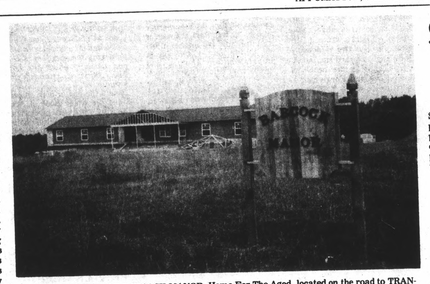
Have seen a paint job going on at several homes and business places. Appomattox looks better every day. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.



CONSTRUCTION OF BABCOCK MANOR, Home For The Aged, located on the road to TRANSCO, is progressing as planned, according to H. Webster Babcock, owner.

The facility, which will accomodate twenty persons upon completion, has expansion plans to care for a total of thirty-five residents.

BABCOCK MANOR, geared to meeting the needs of the elderly with personalized care, has set the middle of October as the tentative opening date.

Miss Lonnette Marsh Joins The Appomattox County Extension Staff

Miss Lonnette Marsh, a native of Anson County, NC, joined the Appomattox County Extension Staff on August 16, 1978. She has recently been training in Bedford County.

Miss Marsh received a BS degree in Home Economics in the area of Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University at Greensboro, NC. She concentrated in clothing and textiles at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, where she received a Masters in Home Economics Education.

Before working with Extension, she worked part-time as an assistant clothing textiles and fashion merchandizing instructor at North Carolina A & T and as salesperson at Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Lonnette enjoys very much the clothing area in Home Economics, but also is interested in and has background studies in housing, food and nutrition and consumer education.

Her hobbies include, sewing, swimming, tennis and horseback riding. She states that she enjoys working with people, especially youth, adults and senior citizens.

The Appomattox County Extension Staff extends a warm welcome to Lonnette as she joins or Extension team in Appomattox County. She is replacing Mr. C. B. Goldman, who joined the Campbell County Staff on January 1, 1978.

Lions To Meet Saturday Night

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet Saturday night, August 26th, for their Annual August Ladies Night at the Woodmen of the World Building.

Activities will begin at 4 p.m. for those wishing to play softball, volleyball, horseshoes, etc.

Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with more activities following. The evening will wind up with dessert around 8:30 p.m.

Each member is axed to bring his lady, a steak knife, fork, spoon and a good appetite.

GARDEN CLUB SETS 1ST MEETING

The first meeting of the new year for the Appomattox Garden Club will be held Monday night, August 28th, at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be a garden party at the home of Mrs. Estelle Martin in Spout Spring.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Tuesday

Tuesday, August 29, 1978, marks the first visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Appomattox for the new fiscal year. It is also the first visit for your new Chairman of Red Cross Blood Services for Appomattox County, Mrs. Alice Martin, and that is why it is the right time for us to get back on the right track and fill our quota, let's be 100% again.

Mrs. Martin says "This is the goal I have set for us and wouldn't it be great if we could start off by going over our quota? Our quota for this visit is 110 units of blood, but since we have been short for some time now, we can go over some and help out the shortage that now exists.

The Bloodmobile will be set up Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m.

Set your goal to make your family 100% blood donors. Of course, this means only the members that are permitted to give will count. If your family is giving 100%, let us know, we would like that, said Mrs. Martin.

Thanks to the TIMES-VIRGINIAN and to WTTX for all the publicity for now you all should know the time and place to donate a unit of blood... and most important you know the need is great!

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE for Appomattox County, meeting Wednesday of last week, elected Jim Cobb Chairman of the Board. Cobb is the representative from the Board of Supervisors. Richard Donald Robinson, on the right, was elected vice chairman and Clayton Martin, chairman last year, is the third member of the board.

Members can serve two terms of four years each term. They are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. An administrative and policy making board, their responsibility is to review all cases that come before the board.

Local Banker Graduates

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - Floyd E. Williams, Assistant Vice President, Fidelity American Bank NA, was among the 79 Virginia bankers who graduated August 17 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The three-year school is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association in cooperation with the McIntire School of Commerce at the University.

Those receiving diplomas completed the Bank Management Course which includes three one-week resident sessions with extension problems between the first and second years and a comprehensive senior problem covered by a written and oral examination.

LETTER TO PARENTS

A "Letter To Parents" written by Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, can be found on page 2 of this edition of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

It will be of interest to all parents of school students, interested citizens, and to the students.

CITIZENS ARE REMINDED TO TRIM HEDGES

All citizens in the Town of Appomattox who live on corner lots and have hedges that block the view of motorists are asked to please comply with the Town Ordinance and trim hedges so as not to prohibit the site of oncoming vehicles.

If there are any questions about this service problem, please contact Bill Britton at the Town Office.

School Lunch Policy Announced For County Public Schools

Appomattox County Public Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch and Special Milk Programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Max. Family Inc. For Free Meals & Free Milk	Family Income For Reduced Price Meals
1	$ 4,190	$ 4,191 - 6,530
2	5,500	5,501 - 8,580
3	6,810	6,811 - 10,630
4	8,110	8,111 - 12,680
5	9,310	9,311 - 14,530
6	10,510	10,511 - 16,400
7	11,900	11,901 - 18,190
8	12,690	12,691 - 19,730
9	13,680	13,681 - 21,330
10	14,660	14,661 - 22,870
11	15,640	15,641 - 24,390
12	16,610	16,611 - 25,910

In the top photo, pictured left to right, front row are: Kathleen Lynch, Appomattox Elementary School, Speech Pathologist; Eva S. Barbour, Appomattox Elementary and Middle Schools, Art; Margaret Nimmo, Appomattox Elementary School, Librarian; Audrey Berryman, Appomattox Elementary School, fourth grade. Back row left to right: Donna P. Terry, Pamplin Elementary School, First grade; Billie S. Brightwell, Appomattox County High School, Social Studies; Lynn M. Grier, Appomattox Primary School, Speech Pathologist; Pat Hudson, Appomattox Middle School, Home Economics; Wilma J. Kendall, Appomattox Primary School, kindergarten.

In the bottom photo, pictured left to right, front row: Clara F. Lewis, Appomattox County High School, Business; Ruth Ann Garrett, Appomattox High School, Health and Physical Education; Kathy Riggins, Appomattox County High School, Earth Science; Patricia H. Foster, Appomattox County High School, Business; John Moon, Appomattox County High School, Distributive Education. Back row, left to right: Howard E. Claybough, Appomattox County High School, Health and Physical Education; Keith L. Maxey, Appomattox County High School, Power Mechanics; Joseph B. Terry, Jr., Appomattox County High School, Emotionally Disturbed; James F. Crawford, Appomattox Middle School, Health and Physical Education.

New Teachers Join County Schools

Teachers new to the Appomattox County School System for the 1978-79 session met for orientation on Friday, August 18.

During the morning session the teachers saw a slide presentation on Appomattox County and the school system, and received reports on the instructional program from Mr. Richard Carter, Director of Vocational Education; and Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor. Policies and procedures of the school system were discussed by Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintendent.

PP&K Registration Now Underway

Registrations for the 1978 Punt, Pass and Kick Competition co-sponsored locally by Lawson Ford, Inc. and the Appomattox Jaycees continue to roll in. The contest, open to any youngster 8 through 13 years of age, seems to get more popular every year.

Registrations at Lawson Ford began August 18th and will be open until September 29th.

Any boy or girl meeting the age requirements who can punt, pass and kick a football – or who'd like to try – will want to compete. Participants compete only against others their own age, and there is no body contact.

No special equipment is needed and participation does not impair a youngster's amateur standing. Each youngster competes in three categories - punting, passing and kicking. Judges score one point for each foot the ball travels on the dy, minus one point for each foot the ball lands to the right or left of the center tape.

Youngsters, accompanied by a parent or guardian, may register for PP&K at Lawson Ford, Inc. There is no entrance fee.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special educational expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished in the application is true and correct. An additional statement is added to warn that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Criminal statutes.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for the, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy each school principal will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request orally or in writing to Richard B. Carter, Vocational Education, P. O. Box 548, Appomattox County School Board, Appomattox, VA 24522, phone number 352-8253 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals and milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown on the income scales.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Each school and the office of the Division Superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by an interested party.

School Opening Set August 28

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on August 28 for the 1978-79 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 24 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents may come to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Grades K-6: weekly reader, $1.25; accident insurance, $5.00; materials fee, $4.00; textbook rental, $12.00 K-2 and $13.00 for 3-6.

Grades 7-8: FFA 7th grade, $4.00; FFA 8th grade, $5.00; FHA, $2.75; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $8.00; physical education uniforms, girls $7.50, boys $4.75; materials fee, $4.00; accident insurance, $5.00; textbook rental, $15.00.

Grades 9-12: textbook rental, $4.00 per subject; library and supply fee, $1.50; SCA, $1.00; class fees, grades 9-11, $1.00; accident insurance, $5.00; art, $1.50; band supply, $4.00; band instrument rental, $10.00; distributive education $7.50; Voc. Ag. $6.00; home economics, $7.00; physical education supply, $2.00; physical education uniforms, girls $7.50, boys $4.75; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; clerical-steno supplies, $7.00; each trade and industrial class, $5.00; chemistry lab book, $5.00; English workbook, 9th grade, $2.50; lock for physical education locker, $2.50.

Opening Day Procedures

Mr. Donald Armentrout, Appomattox County High School Principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 28, students shall report to the cafeteria. At that time student guides will assist you in finding your homeroom. Those students who do not know their homeroom assignment will receive this information in the cafeteria. Once students have reported to assigned homerooms, teachers will provide student schedules. Students who drive to school are asked to park on the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hezteine Foster, Appomattox Middle School Principal, students will go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school. The SCA will provide guides to help students locate the cafeteria and homerooms. Homeroom rolls will be posted on classroom doors. Students will receive their class schedules from their homeroom teachers.

The SCA will provide guided tours of the school building to all seventh graders on Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On these days all students are urged to pay their fees and pick up their class schedules and homeroom assignments.

Mrs. Barbara Waddell, Pamplin Elementary School Principal, states that all kindergarten students will be met at the buses by adults and will be directed to their classrooms. Parents are requested to see that nametag showing child's name and bus number be pinned to each kindergarten student.

The principal of Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Robert Williamson, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the elementary school, to be greeted by teachers, volunteers, or student guides. These persons will place a name tag on third grade students with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, states that teacher aides and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student, and direct the students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to pin the name on

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BOOSTER CLUB MEETING AUGUST 23

The Appomattox County High School Booster Club was scheduled to meet Wednesday night, August 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the ACHS Library.